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--A garbled message has been sent from the Robotnik-controlled Angel Island to Knothole City, the capital of the Acorn monarchy. A message for Knuckles the Echidna, former guardian of the Island's Master Emerald, telling him that his father, Locke, has been taken prisoner.

Sonic, Knuckles, and the Chaotix team return there to free Locke, but immediately find that the dingoes--now acting as Eggman's enforcers--have enslaved the island's echidna population. As their first act, the heroes liberate a dingo-operated echidna prisoner camp and find the former Constable Remington among them. Knuckles, who lost his chaos-based powers upon returning from the dead, is surprised to find himself being worshipped by Remington and the other echidnas because of his miraculous resurrection. Now Sonic, Knuckles, and the others have traced the message's transmission signal to the island's Lava Reef Zone, only to find themselves surrounded by.....

THE DARK LEGION!

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THE LAVA REEF ZONE—
ANGEL ISLAND



"RETURN TO ANGEL ISLAND!"

"PART 2 AVATAR!"

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WE'RE
SURROUNDED
ON ALL
SIDES BY--



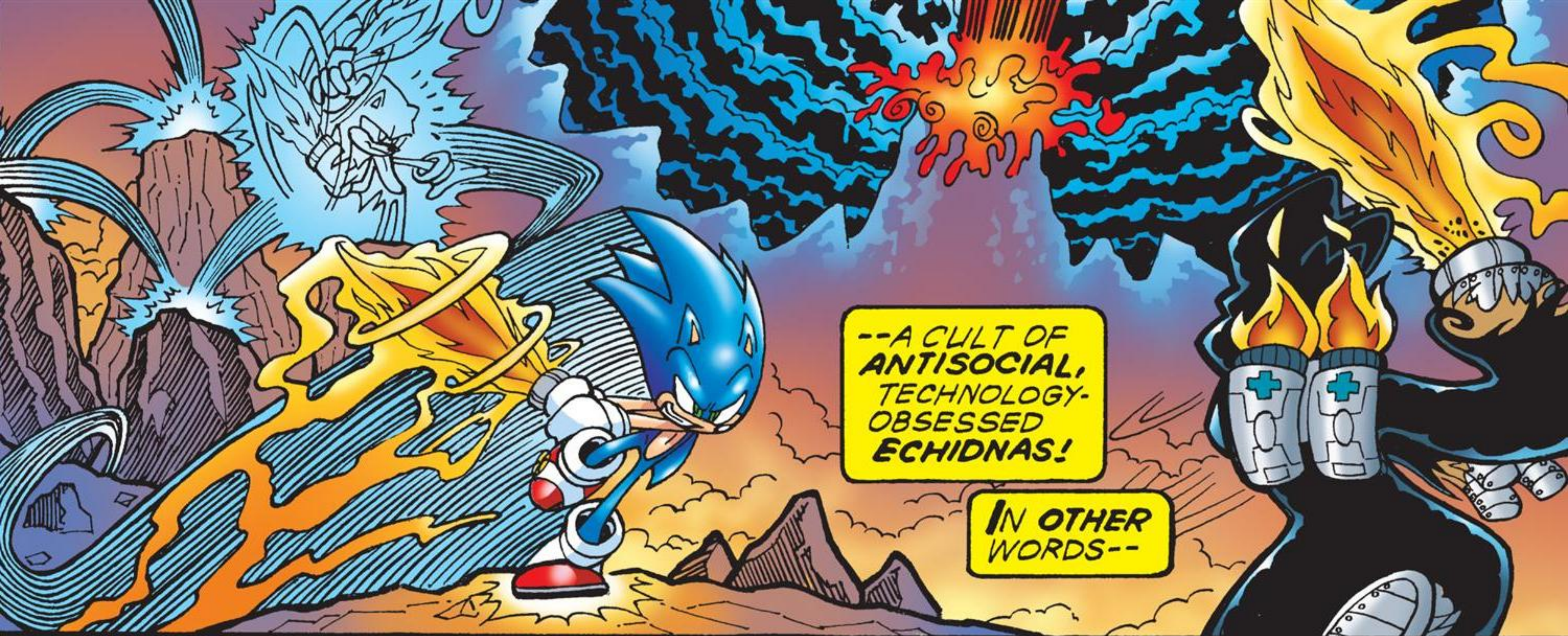
Uh-Oh!



--THE DARK
LEGION--

OOF!





--A CULT OF
ANTISOCIAL,
TECHNOLOGY-
OBSESSED
ECHIDNAS!

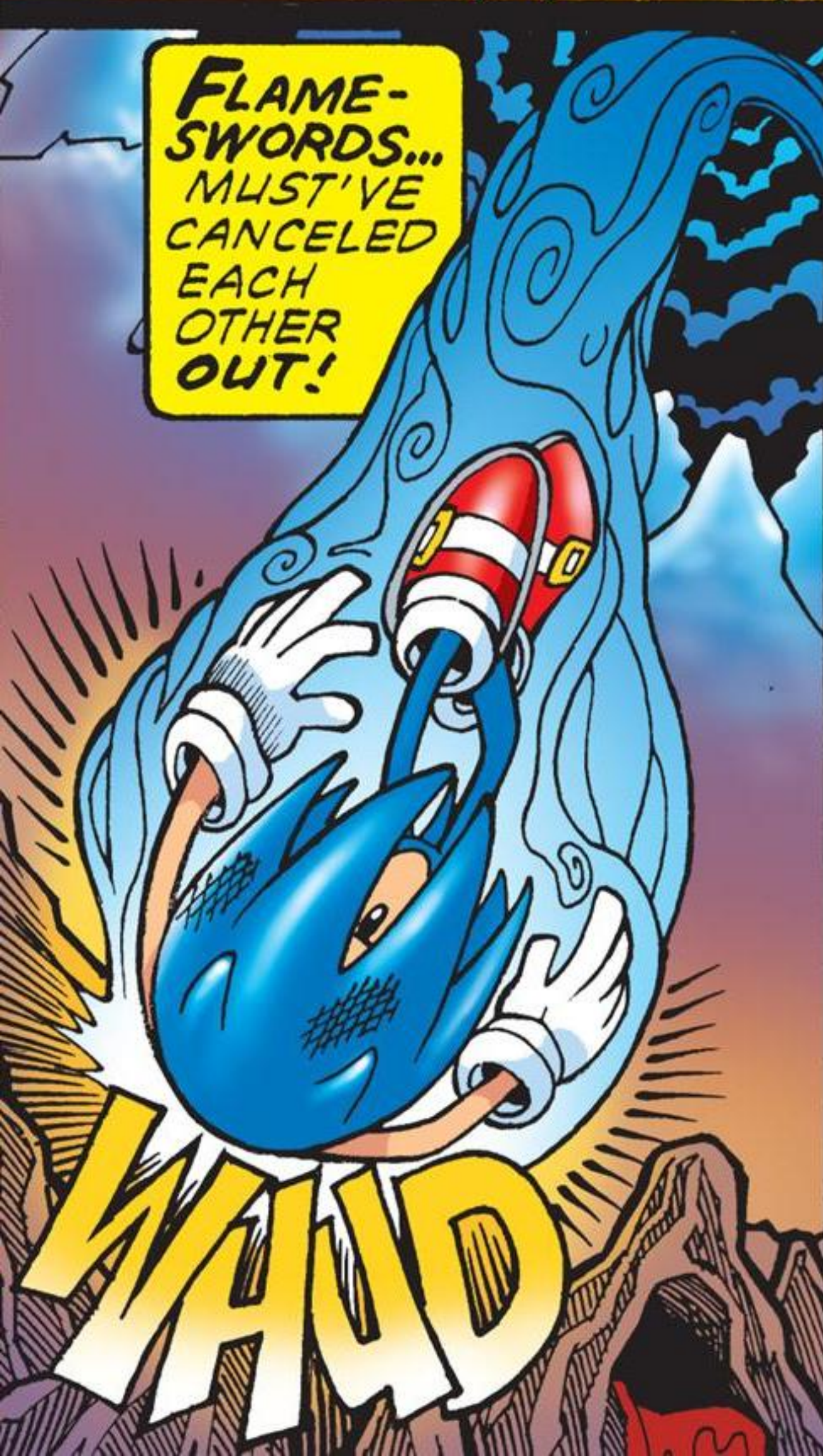
IN OTHER
WORDS--



--BAD
NEWS!

UGH!

ACK!



FLAME-
SWORDS...
MUST'VE
CANCELED
EACH
OTHER
OUT!



BOY--

UGH!



--I FORGOT HOW
STRONGLY KNUCKLES
FEELS FOR THESE
DUDES!



AND IF HE CAN'T STAND THEM...

HOW'RE YOU **DOING** BACK THERE, VECTOR?

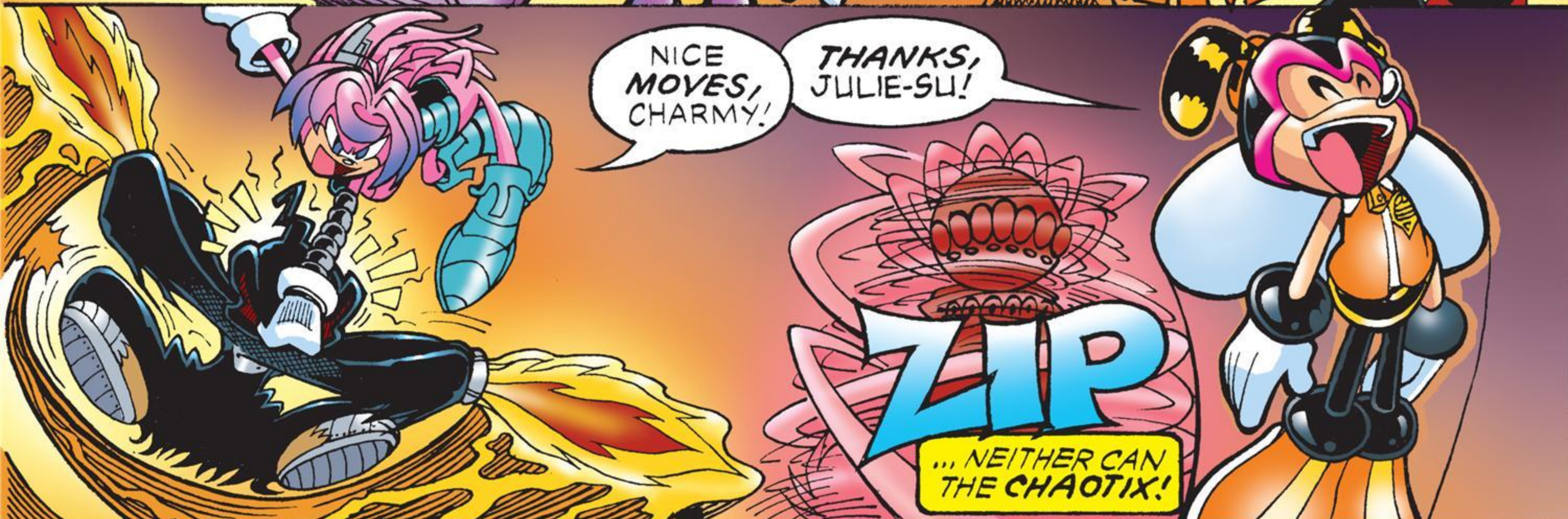
THE... Uhh... HEAT IS ON, MIGHTY!



NYAH-NYAH!

STOP **HORSING** AROUND, RAY!

SORRY, ESPIO-- THIS IS **FUN!**



NICE **MOVES**, CHARMY!

THANKS, JULIE-SU!

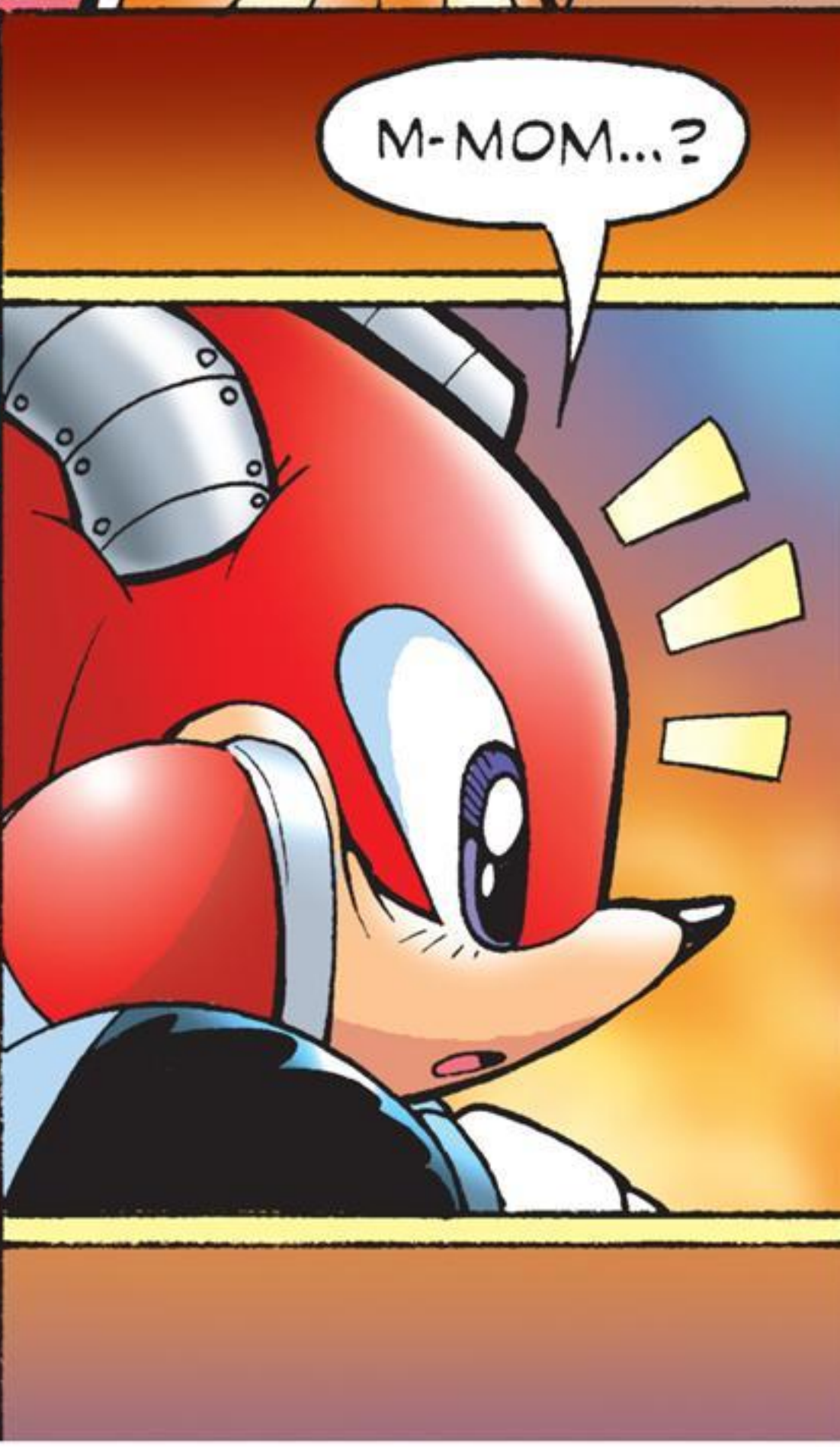
... NEITHER CAN THE **CHAOTIX!**



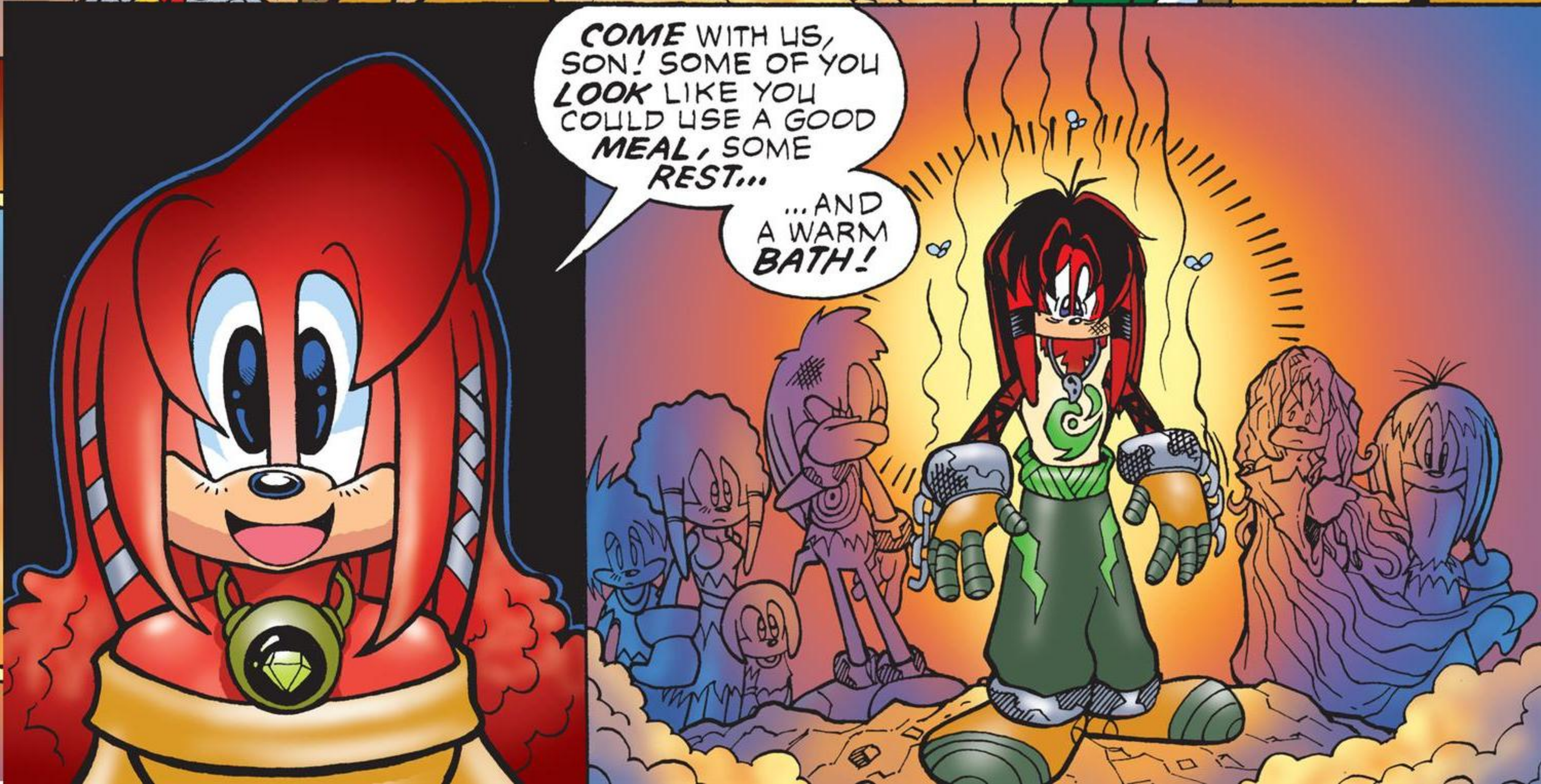
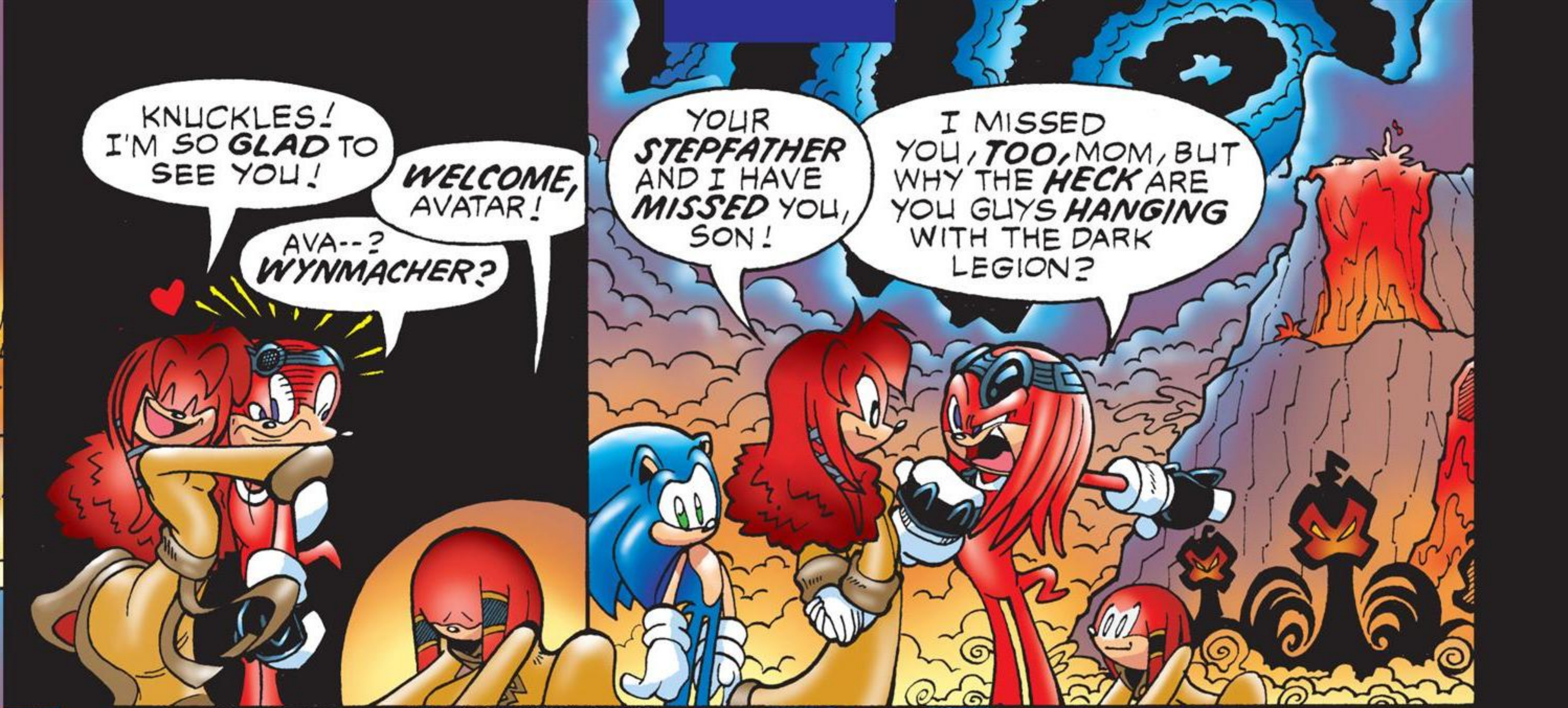
EVERYBODY! PLEASE!



STOP **FIGHTING!** WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE!



M-MOM...?



THE HIDDEN PALACE ZONE

SONIC...?

I DON'T THINK WE'RE IN **KNOTHOLE** ANYMORE!

AV-A-TAR! AV-A-TAR!

SHEESH!
I DIDN'T GET A **RECEPTION** LIKE THIS WHEN I CAME BACK FROM THE **DEAD!***

DON'T **MAKE** ME HURT YOU.

THE AVATAR WALKS AMONG US! PROPHECY

53:K 10:18:94

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WHAT ARE **ALL** OF THESE **ECHIDNAS** **DOING** HERE?

LIVING IN **FREEDOM** NOW THAT THE DARK LEGION HAS **LIBERATED** THEM FROM ROBOTNIK'S **PRISON** CAMPS.

Uhh...
WHO'RE YOU?

CALL ME...
DOCTOR
FINITEVUS.

AS YOU CAN **SEE**, THIS UNDERGROUND CAVERN IS A **SANCTUARY** WHERE OUR SPECIES CAN LIVE WITHOUT **DINGO** **OPPRESSION.**

FOLLOW
ME.

THE AVATAR IS AMONG

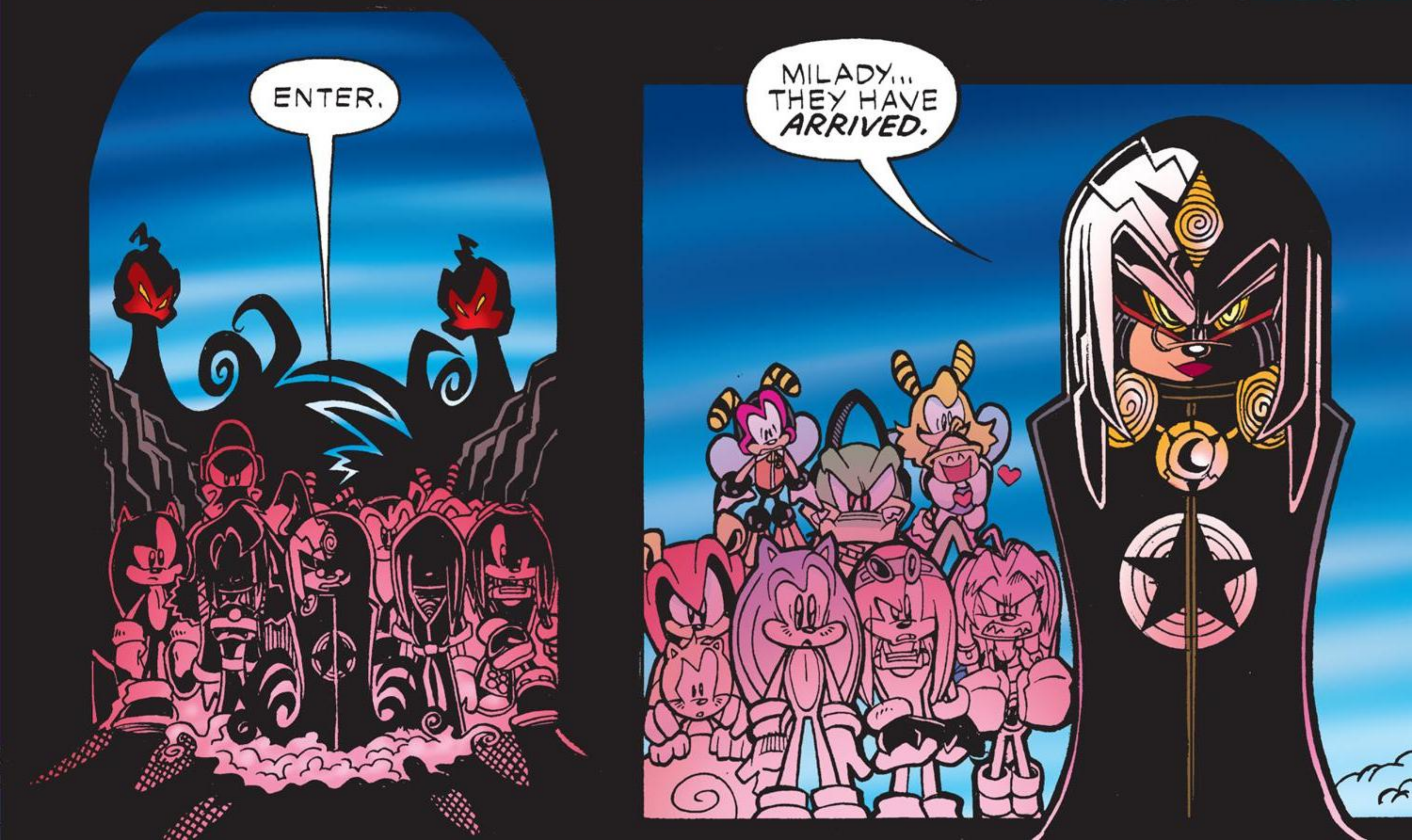
HAIL T
AVATA



WHOA!
THIS SPREAD
IS *KILLER*,
DUDE!

WHAT...
WHAT *IS*
THIS
PLACE?

WE'RE IN
THE *HIDDEN*
PALACE ZONE,
SON, AND *THAT'S*
THE HIDDEN
PALACE!



ENTER.

MILADY...
THEY HAVE
ARRIVED.

OH.
COMFORT AND
JOY.

KOMMISAR!

WHY SO **FORMAL**, KNUCKLES? YOU CAN CALL ME **LIEN-DA**. AREN'T WE **FRIENDS?** AND **FAMILY?** RIGHT, STEP-SISTER?

HMF.

MOM, IS THIS A TWISTED **JOKE?** WE RECEIVED A GARBLED **MESSAGE** THAT DAD WAS BEING HELD **HERE** ON THE ISLAND...

...THEN WE **TRACED** THE MESSAGE'S TRANSMISSION **SIGNAL** TO THIS LOCATION, SO **WHERE** IS DAD?

LOCKE ISN'T **HERE**, SON, THAT'S WHY I **CONTACTED** YOU.

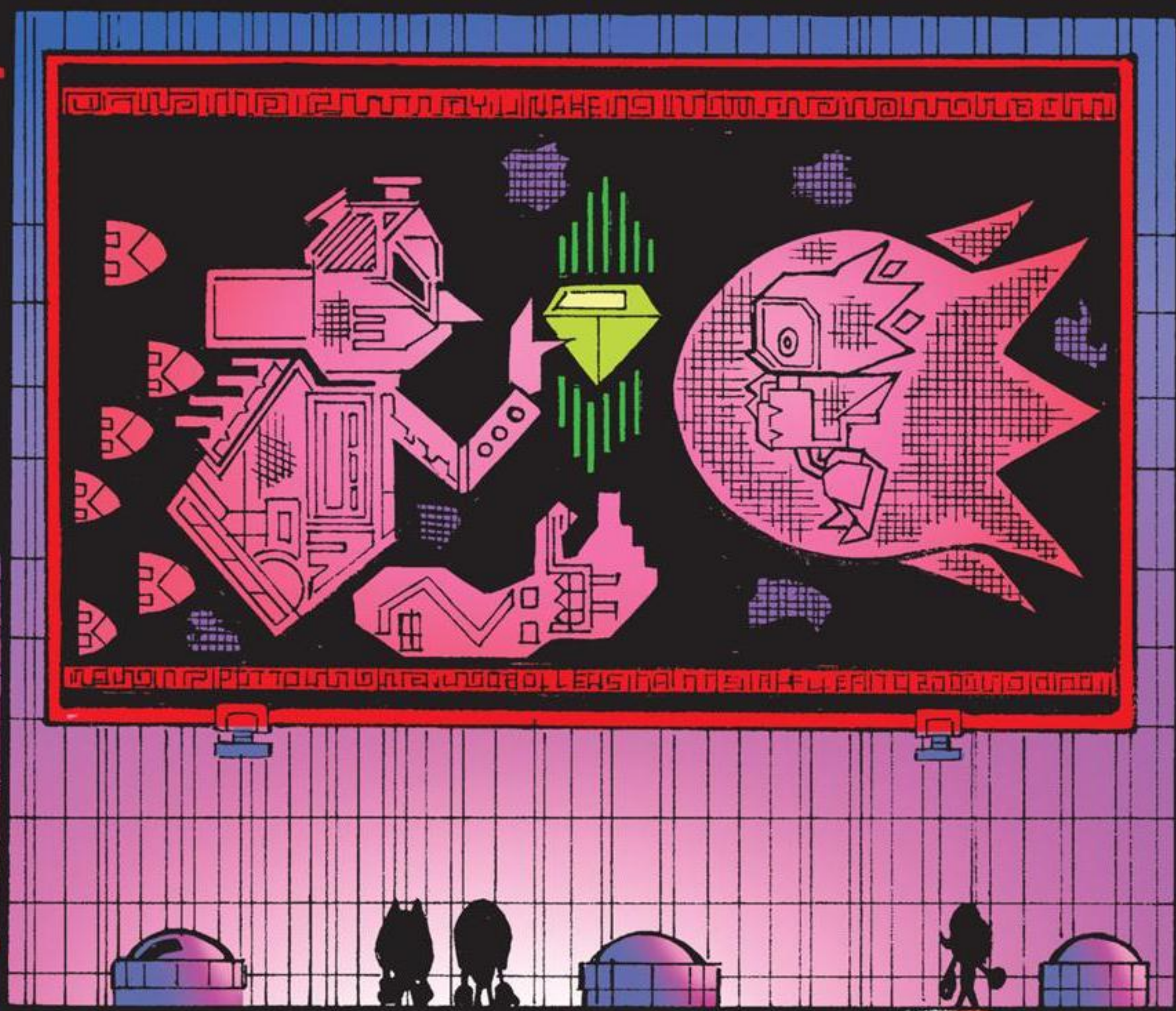
YOU?!

WHO **BUT?** AFTER YOUR **FATHER** WAS CAPTURED BY THE NEW DINGO LEADER, **GENERAL KAGE**, "MOMMY DEAREST" HERE USED OUR **TELECOMMUNICATIONS** PORT TO BREACH ROBOTNIK'S JAMMING SIGNAL AND GET IN **TOUCH** WITH YOU.

FRANKLY, I'M **SURPRISED** YOU RESPONDED.

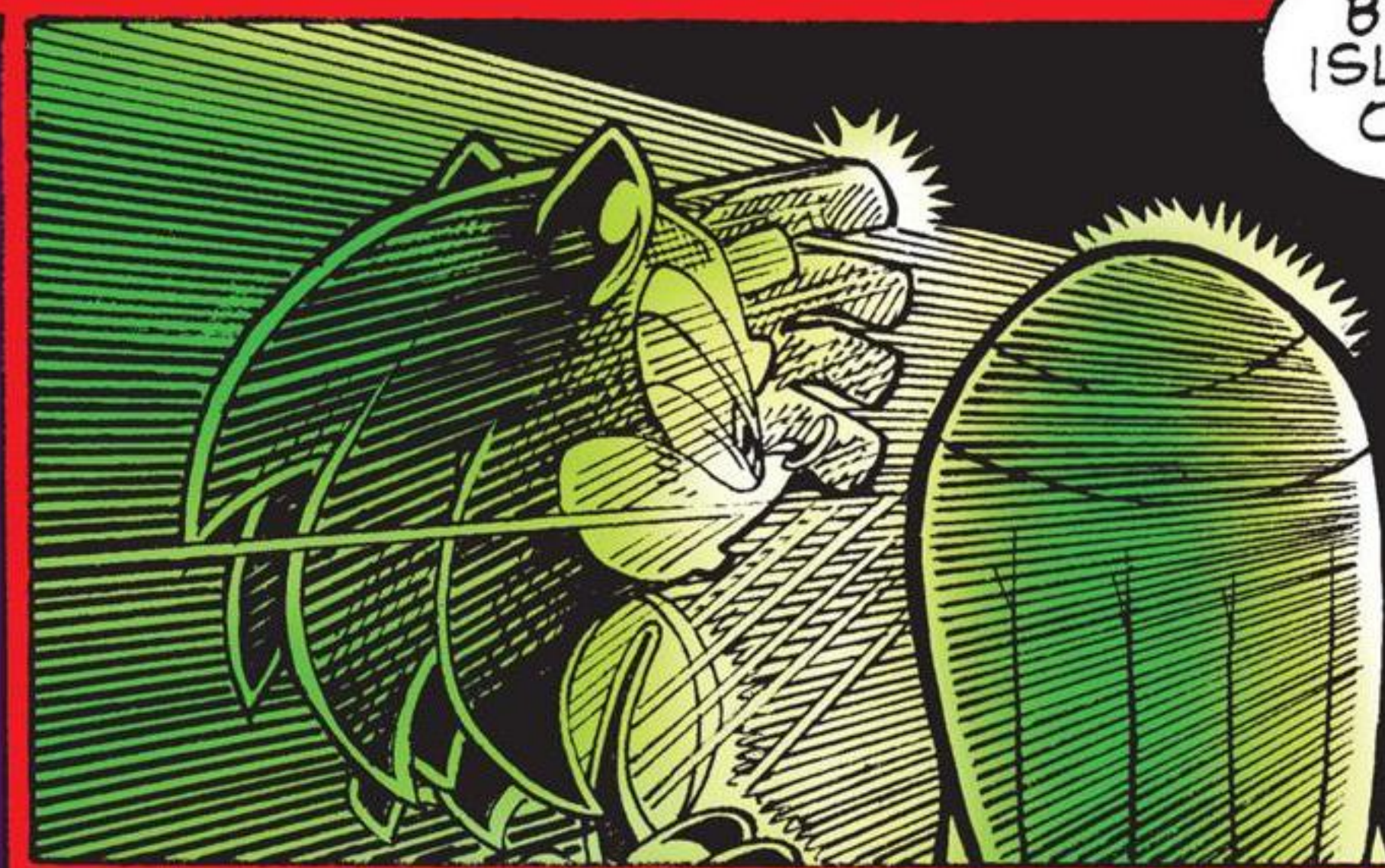
WHERE IS THE MASTER EMERALD?





IT'S *NOT* YOU, AND AT THE SAME TIME, IT *IS* YOU--THAT TAPESTRY SHOWS **SUPER SONIC** SQUARING OFF AGAINST **EGGMAN**, QUESTION IS: WHO *WEAVED* IT?

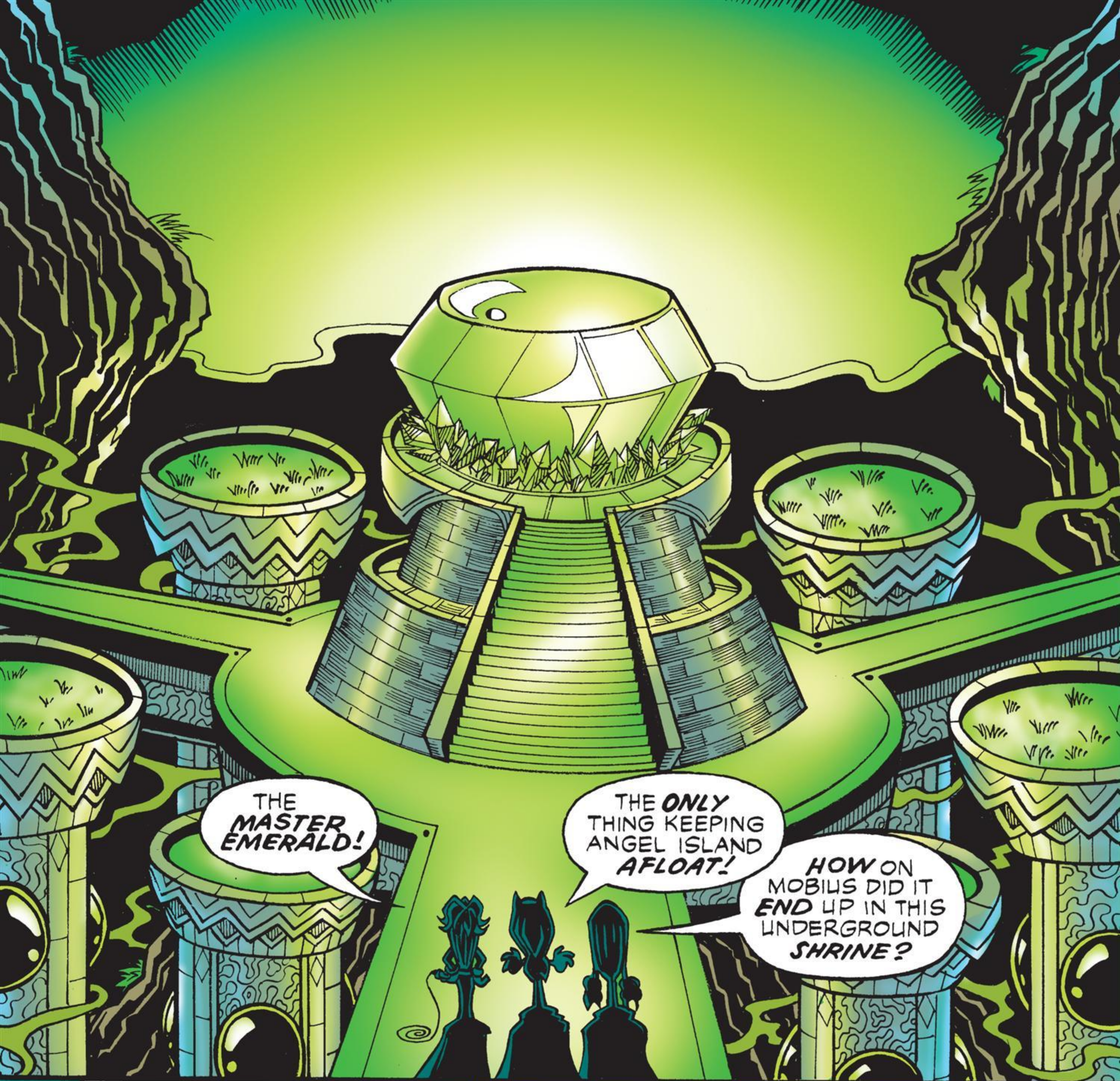
WE DON'T *KNOW*. THIS PALACE IS POSSIBLY *THOUSANDS* OF YEARS OLD. THAT OLD, MOTH-EATEN *TAPESTRY* WAS HERE WHEN THE DARK LEGION FOUND THE SECRET RING PORTAL *ENTRANCE-WAYS* LEADING TO THIS PLACE.



BUT, THE ISLAND IS ONLY...

ENOUGH OF *THAT* MYSTERY. FOR NOW, *BEHOLD...*





THE
MASTER
EMERALD!

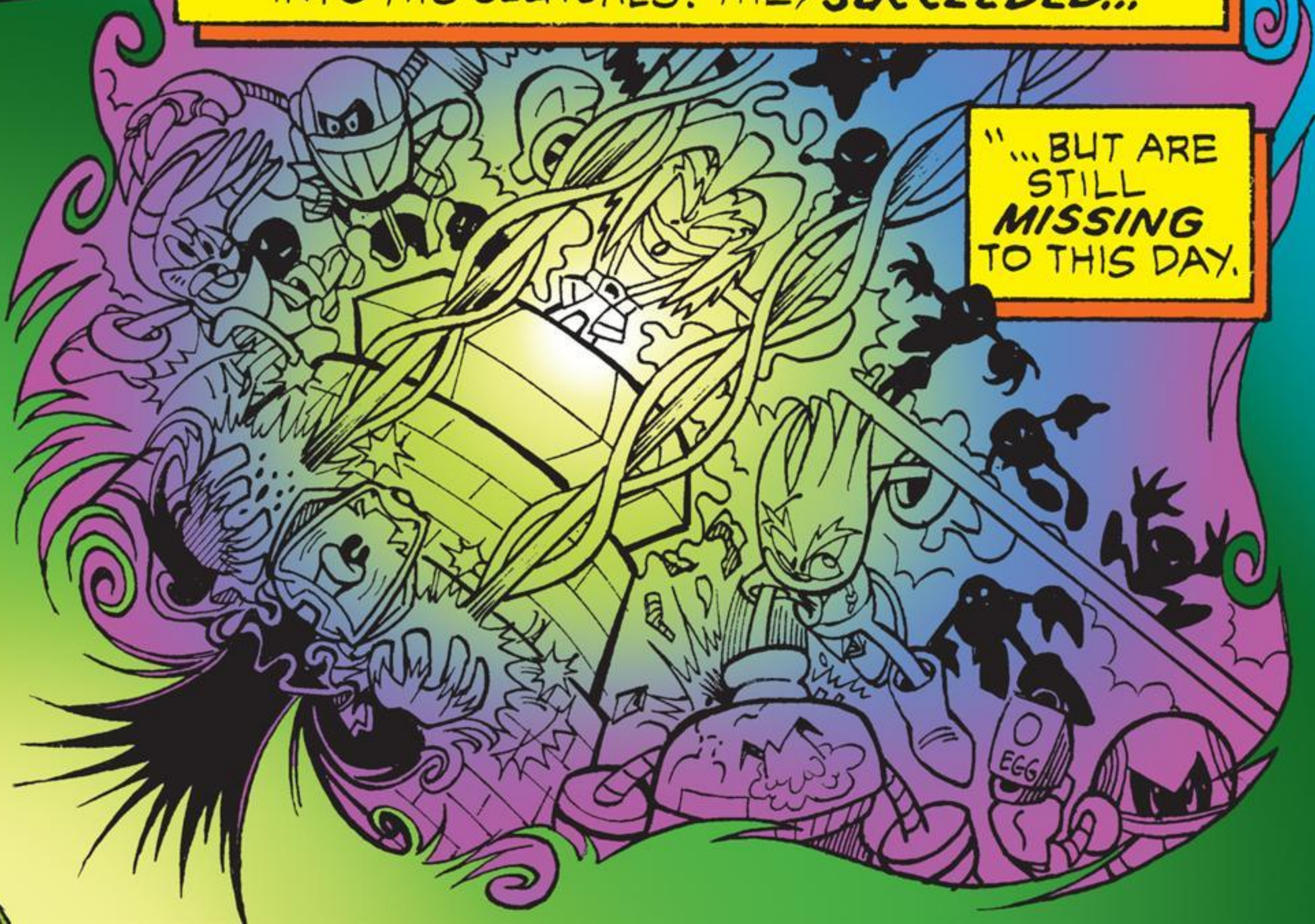
THE **ONLY**
THING KEEPING
ANGEL ISLAND
AFLOAT!

HOW ON
MOBIUS DID IT
END UP IN THIS
UNDERGROUND
SHRINE?

WHEN ROBOTNIK'S FORCES
INVADED **ECHIDNAOPOLIS**...

"...THE **BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS** FOUGHT
TO ENSURE THAT THE EMERALD WOULDN'T **FALL**
INTO HIS CLUTCHES. THEY **SUCCEEDED**...

"...BUT ARE
STILL
MISSING
TO THIS DAY.



"THIRTY SIX HOURS *AGO*, AS THE DINGOES APPROACHED *HAVEN*,
YOUR FATHER--*LOCKE*--THE EMERALD'S *CURRENT* GUARDIAN--

"...ENTRUSTED
ITS *CARE* TO
MY DARK
LEGION--

"--WHILE HE REMAINED
BEHIND TO FACE THE
ENEMY."

YOUR DARK LEGION? WHAT
HAPPENED TO *DIMITRI*?
DOESN'T *HE* RUN THIS
OUTFIT?

MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER IS
NO *LONGER*...WITH US. *I'M*
IN CHARGE. AT *LAST*.

WAIT
A--

YEAH AARGH!!

KNUX?!

WHAT'S THE *MATTER*,
"AVATAR?" NOT *FEELING*
SO WELL?

P. PAIN...

PERHAPS
YOU'RE NOT AS
INVINCIBLE AS
THOSE SUPERSTITIOUS
IDIOTS OUTSIDE
BELIEVE YOU
TO BE...

Later...

WHAT **HAPPENED** KNUX? WHY'D YOU GET **SICK** INSIDE OF THE **SHRINE**?

THE GODDESS **AURORA** WARNED ME THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS **CONSEQUENCES** IF I CHOSE TO RETURN FROM THE **AFTER-LIFE**.*

AVATAR!

HELP US GUARDIAN!

PROPHEC

*SEE
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#125.

INSTEAD OF GIVING ME **ENERGY** LIKE IT DID IN THE **PAST**, LOOKS LIKE THE MASTER EMERALD IS **SAPPING** ME OF WHAT LITTLE I HAVE--

I HAVE **FAITH** IN YOU, KNUCKLES!

I DON'T GET IT! **WHY** ARE WE SITTING AROUND **MOPING** WHEN WE SHOULD BE OUT **CRACKING** MORE DINGO **SKULLS**?

OUR **DOUBLE AGENT** HAS NOT YET **CONTACTED** US. ONCE HE **DOES**, WE SHALL KNOW WHERE KAGE AND HIS **ILK** HAVE IMPRISONED **LOCKE**...

--AND I **CAN'T** DO A THING ABOUT IT!



A-AVATAR...?

WE'RE **SORRY**
MY NAME IS **POLLU**.
MY WIFE, **MERI-CA**,
AND I ARE DEEPLY
SPIRITUAL
PEOPLE...



...AND HAVE ALWAYS
BELIEVED IN THE **PROPHECY OF**
THE ANCIENT WALKERS THAT SPEAKS
OF YOUR MIRACULOUS **POWERS**. DURING
ROBOTNIK'S INVASION OUR
DAUGHTER, **DESI-CA**...



...LOST
HER **SIGHT**
IN BOTH
EYES.



THE DARK LEGION **OFFERED**
TO FASHION **CYBERNETIC IMPLANTS**
TO RESTORE HER **VISION**, BUT WE
COULDN'T **ACCEPT**.

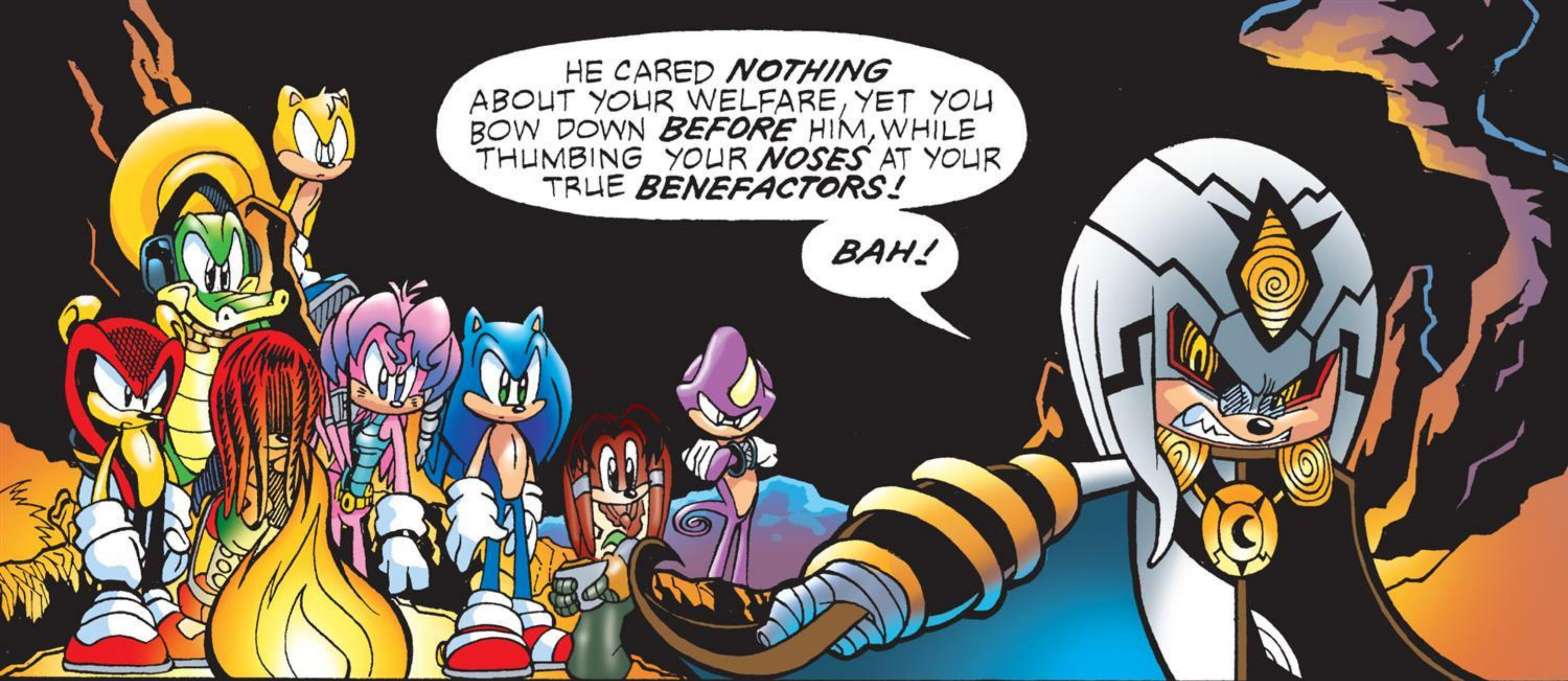
NOT WHEN THE
PROPHECY **STATES**
THAT THE AVATAR
CAN PERFORM
MIRACLES!



YOU WERE **IMBECILES** TO
REFUSE OUR OFFER OF **SCIENCE!**
THAT PROPHECY IS NO MORE THAN
A **CRUEL** SUPERSTITION! TELL ME--
WHERE HAS YOUR SO-CALLED
'AVATAR' **BEEN** THIS PAST
YEAR?

WHERE WAS HE
WHILE YOU WERE
LANGUISHING IN
ROBOTNIK'S PRISON
CAMP? OFF PLAYING
ERRAND-BOY TO
THE KINGDOM OF
ACORN!





HE CARED **NOTHING** ABOUT YOUR WELFARE, YET YOU BOW DOWN **BEFORE** HIM, WHILE THUMBING YOUR **NOSES** AT YOUR TRUE **BENEFACTORS**!

BAH!

SHEESH! SOMEBODY SURE **DIDN'T** NEED THAT EXTRA CUP OF COFFEE THIS **MORNING**! LOOK... Uhh... FOLKS? THE... Er... 'AVATAR'... COULD **USE** A FEW MINUTES...

NO! POLLU... MERI-CA... **WAIT**. I... I'M **SORRY**, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO **HELP** YOU. I'M NOT THE ONE THE PROPHECY **SPEAKS** OF.

YO, YO, **HOLD UP**! HOW DO WE **KNOW** THAT FOR SURE?

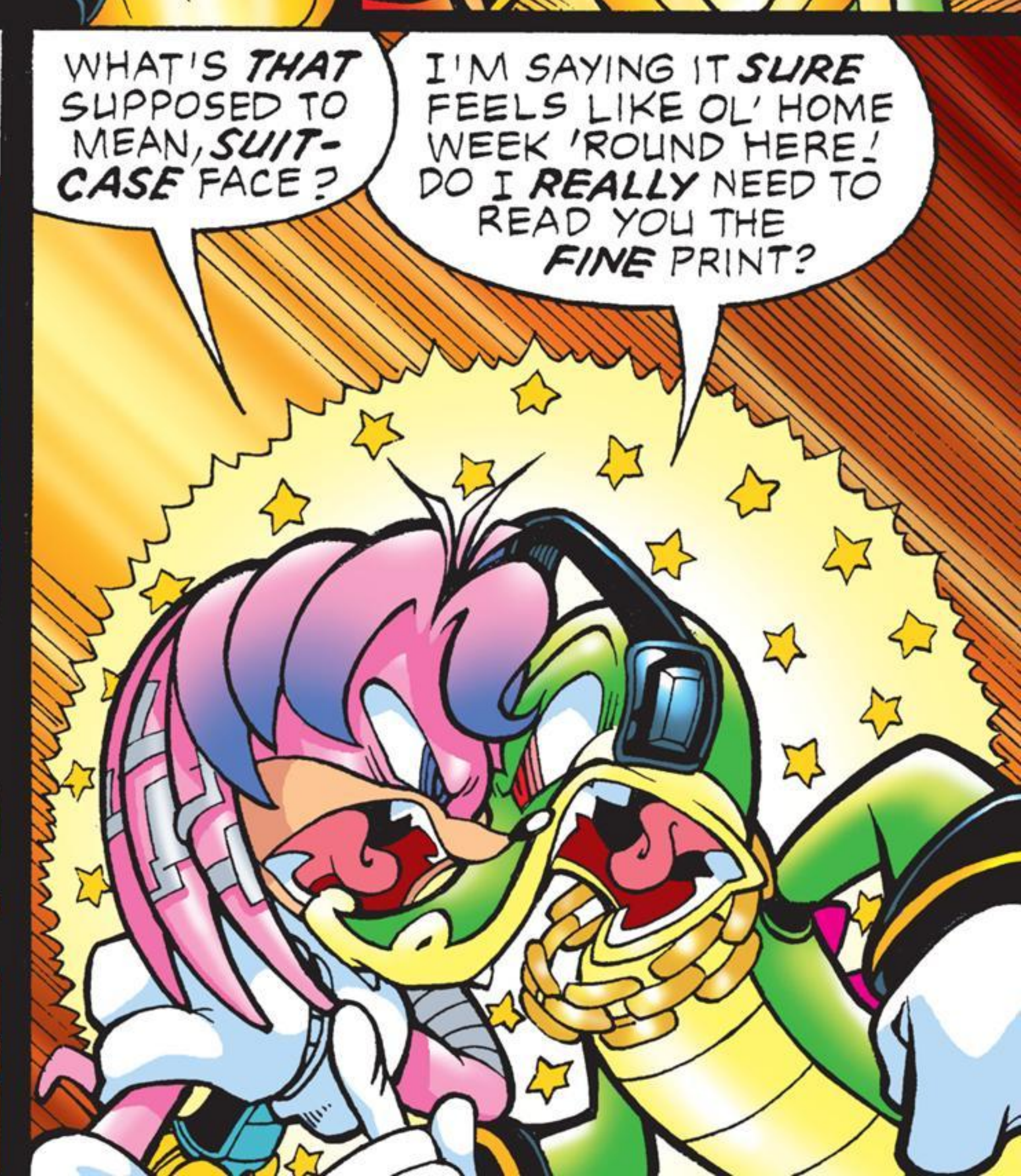


BECAUSE THE PROPHECY OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS IS **BUNK**, VECTOR! **THAT'S** HOW! YOU **HEARD** DOCTOR FINITEVLIS!

WHAT A BIG **SURPRISE**, JULIE-SU! YOU **AGREE** WITH THE DARK LEGION!

WHAT'S **THAT** SUPPOSED TO MEAN, **SUIT-CASE** FACE?

I'M SAYING IT **SURE** FEELS LIKE OL' HOME WEEK 'ROUND HERE! DO I **REALLY** NEED TO READ YOU THE **FINE** PRINT?





COOL
IT, YOU
TWO!



I'M
SICK AND TIRED
OF THE WAY THIS
MISSION HAS BEEN
GOING!



EVER SINCE WE
ARRIVED ON ANGEL ISLAND WE'VE
BEEN HIT WITH ONE **SURPRISE** AFTER
ANOTHER! **FASCIST** DINGOES! ECHIDNA
PRISONER CAMPS! ANCIENT **PROPHECIES**!
KOMMISAR IN **CONTROL**!

WELL,
I'VE **HAD**
IT WITH
SURPRISES,
PEOPLE!
I--

KNUCKLES...?

SON...?
THERE'S
SOMEONE I
WANT YOU TO
MEET.



MOM...?
WHO'S
THIS?



TO BE CONTINUED!

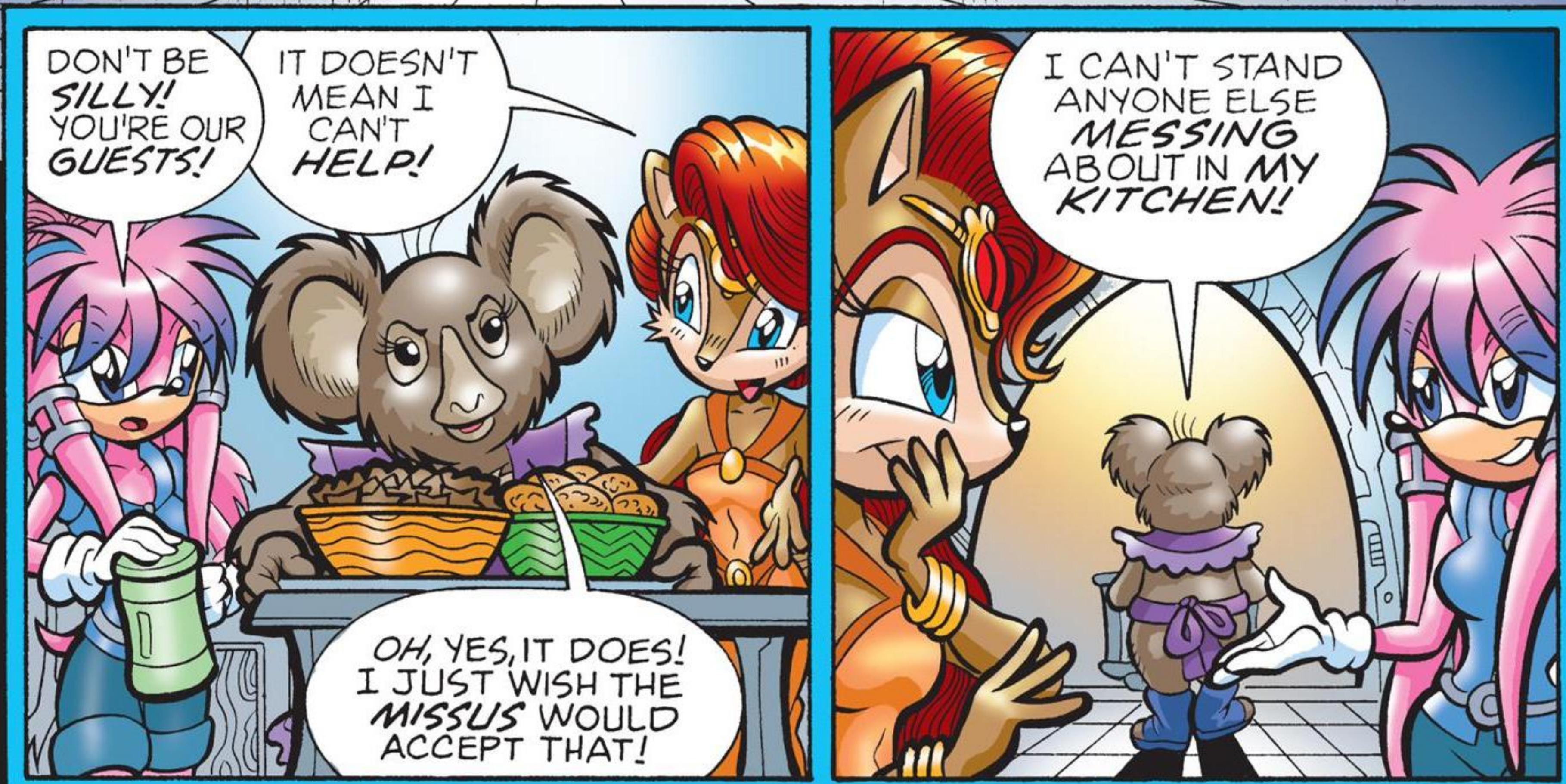
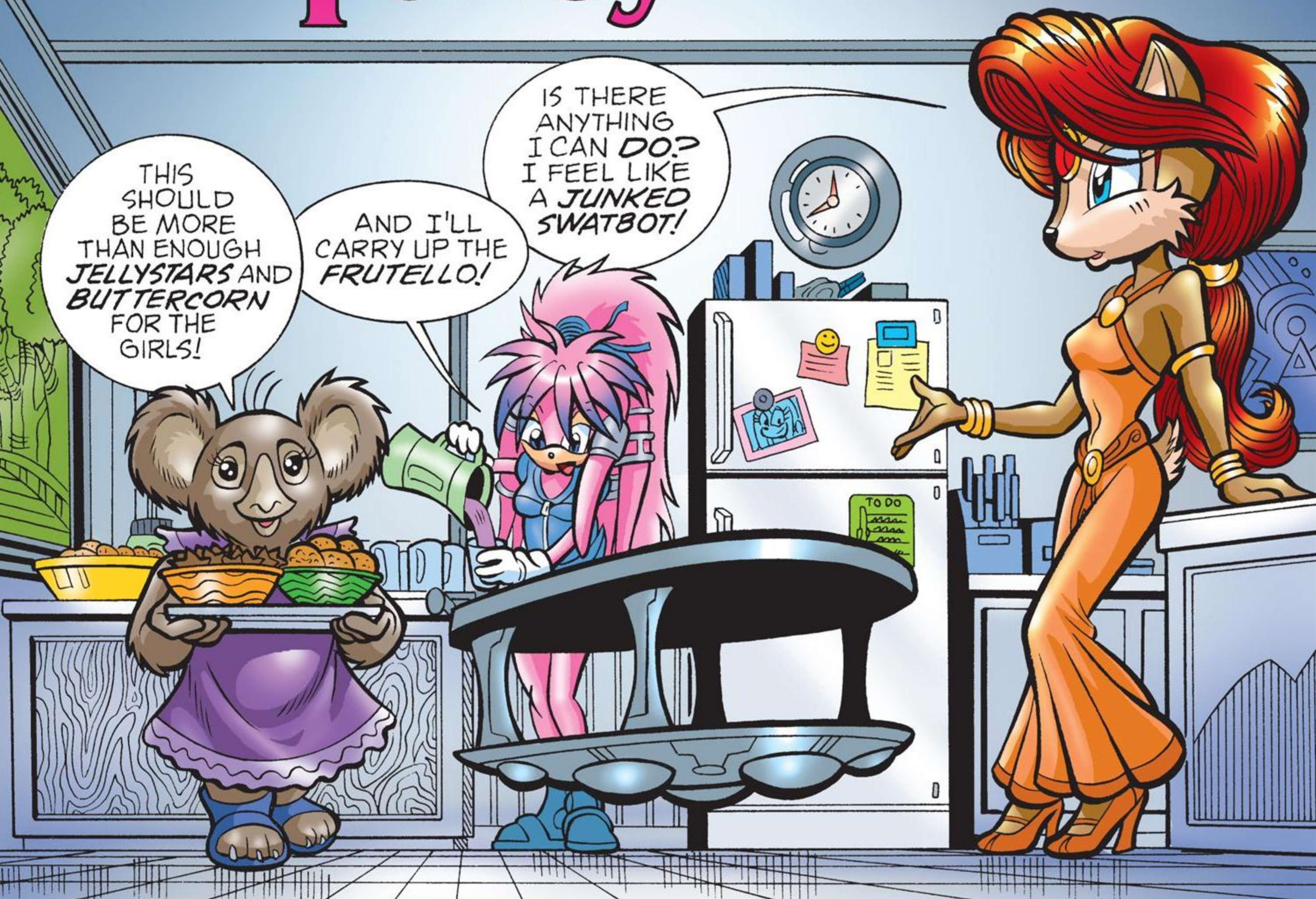
INDIBUUS

25 YEARS LATER

SLUMBER Party

SONIC AND HIS FAMILY HAVE COME TO VISIT KNUCKLES AND HIS ON ANGEL ISLAND. DURING DINNER, KNUCKLES REPORTED THE GRIM NEWS HE RECEIVED FROM COBAR AND ROTOR CONCERNING THE NATURE OF THE LATEST WEATHER PATTERNS.

WITH DINNER CONCLUDED, SALLY AND JULIE-SU NOW TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO THE CHILDREN...



BY THE WAY, ABBY,
DID YOU SHOW
MANIK THE
GAME ROOM?

I **DOUBT** VERY
MUCH HE'S GOING
TO HANG OUT WITH
THE **GIRLS!**

I CAN THINK
OF A **REASON** OR
THREE--

"--**WHY HE WOULD!**"

--SO WHOEVER
THE BOTTLE
POINTS TO WHEN
IT **STOPS** HAS TO DO
WHATEVER THE
PERSON WHO SPUN
THE BOTTLE SAYS!

NOW--**WHO**
WANTS TO GO
FIRST?

SALMA?

**LARA-
SU?**

AS THE
ONLY BOY
HERE, I THINK
YOU SHOULD
SPIN
FIRST!

I SMELL
A **RAT.**

WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
RIKI-LE?

YOU COULD
ALWAYS **BEAT**
THE SNOT OUT
OF **MANIK** IF
HE GETS OUT
OF LINE!

RIGHT,
SONIA?

I'D RATHER
HURL THAN DO
ANYTHING MY
BROTHER
SAYS!

I DON'T
BELIEVE
THAT!

I MEAN, MY
YOUNGER SISTER
JUANITA CAN BE
ANNOYING AT
TIMES--

--BUT
WE GET ALONG
FOR THE MOST
PART!

I **STILL**
DON'T
TRUST
HIM!

I DON'T
RECALL
ASKING
WHETHER
ANYONE **DID**
OR **NOT!**

SO IS EVERY-
ONE **GAME?**

GAME
FOR
WHAT?



THIS *NEW* GAME MANIK WAS GOING TO *SHOW* US!



WHY DON'T YOU GUYS PLAY WITH US?

THE MORE THE MERRIER, RIGHT?



...ER, AH, I JUST REMEMBERED!

I FORGOT SOMETHING! TO ASK DAD--



WONDER WHAT *THAT* WAS ABOUT?

BOYS CAN BE HARD TO FIGURE OUT AT TIMES!

UNLESS YOU HAVE THEIR NUMBER!

WHOOOSH!

CARE TO *TRANSLATE* THAT ONE, LARA-SU?

UH...YEAH! SURE, MOM!

I WAS THINKING OF *SALMA* WHEN QUEEN SALLY WAS TALKING ABOUT *BOYS*!

ARE YOU SEEING A *BOY*, SALMA?

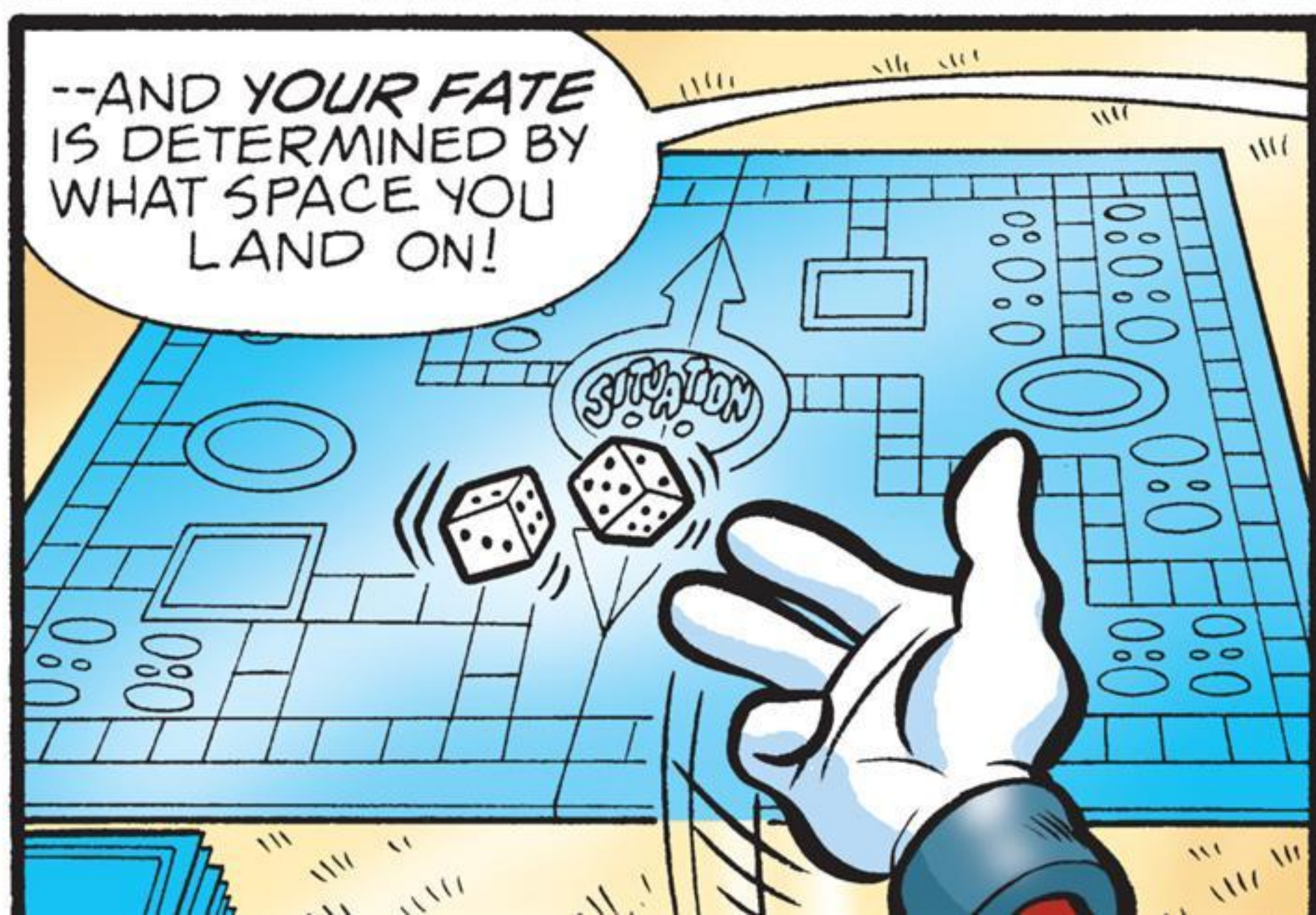
YOUR MOTHER DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOU *DATING*, LAST TIME WE SPOKE!

SHE'S SEEING *RUTAN*!

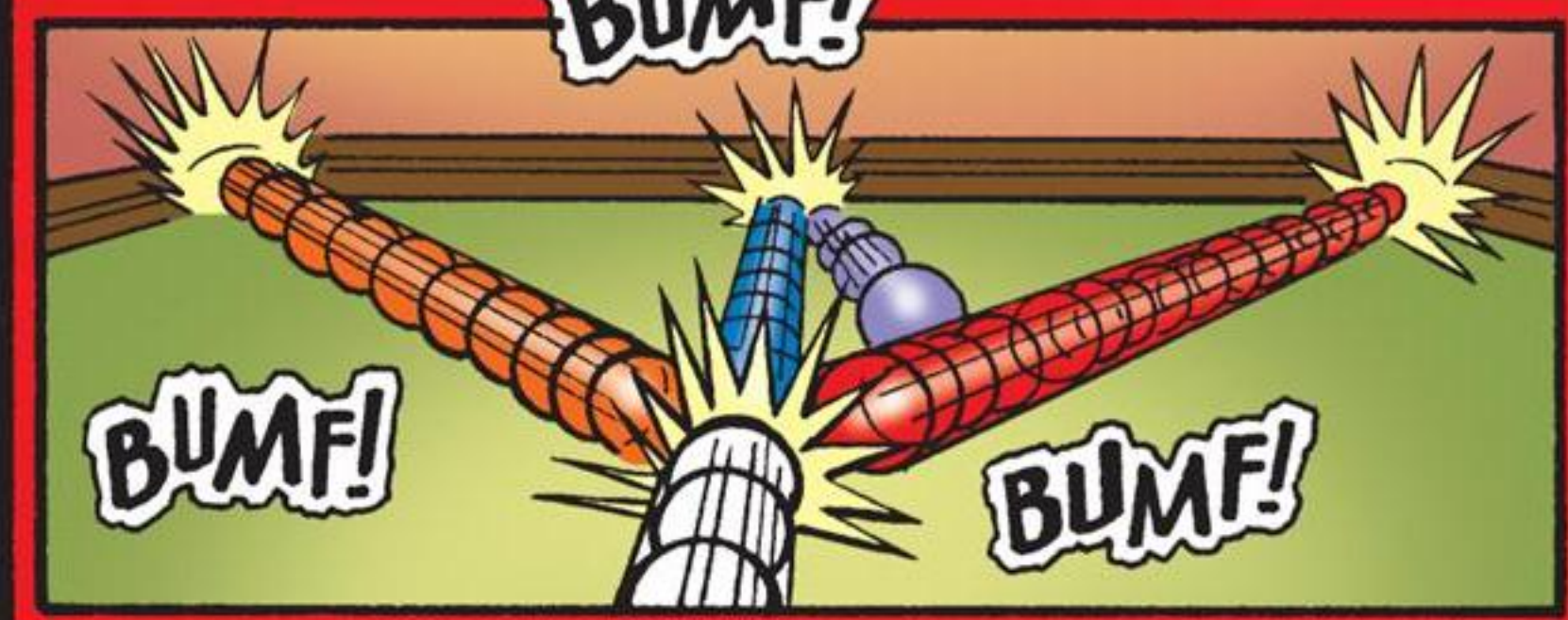
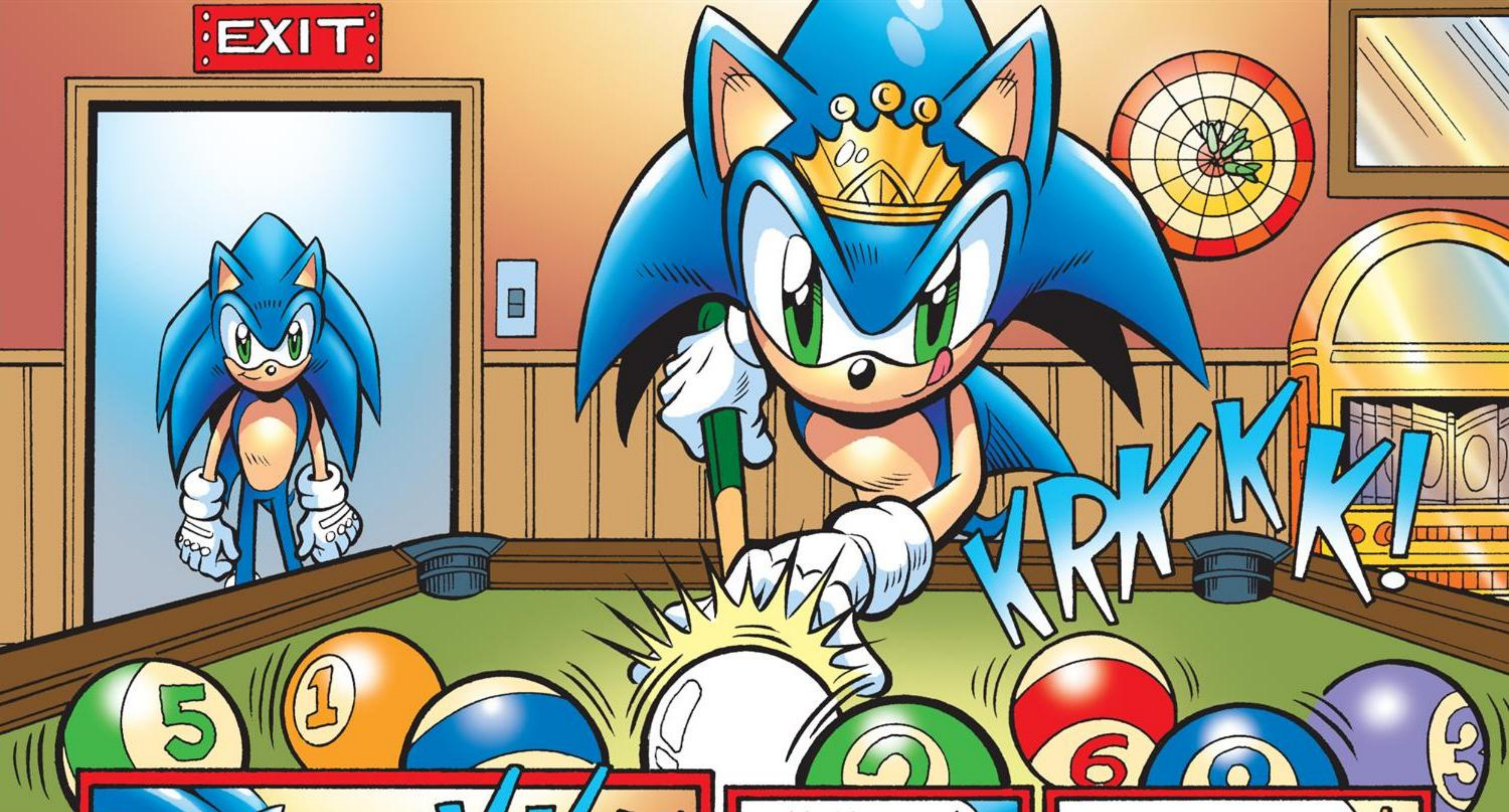
YOU ARE? DOES HIS MOM KNOW?

WHY DON'T WE TELL *HOLONEWS* WHILE WE'RE AT IT, SU?

YOU SNITCH!!!

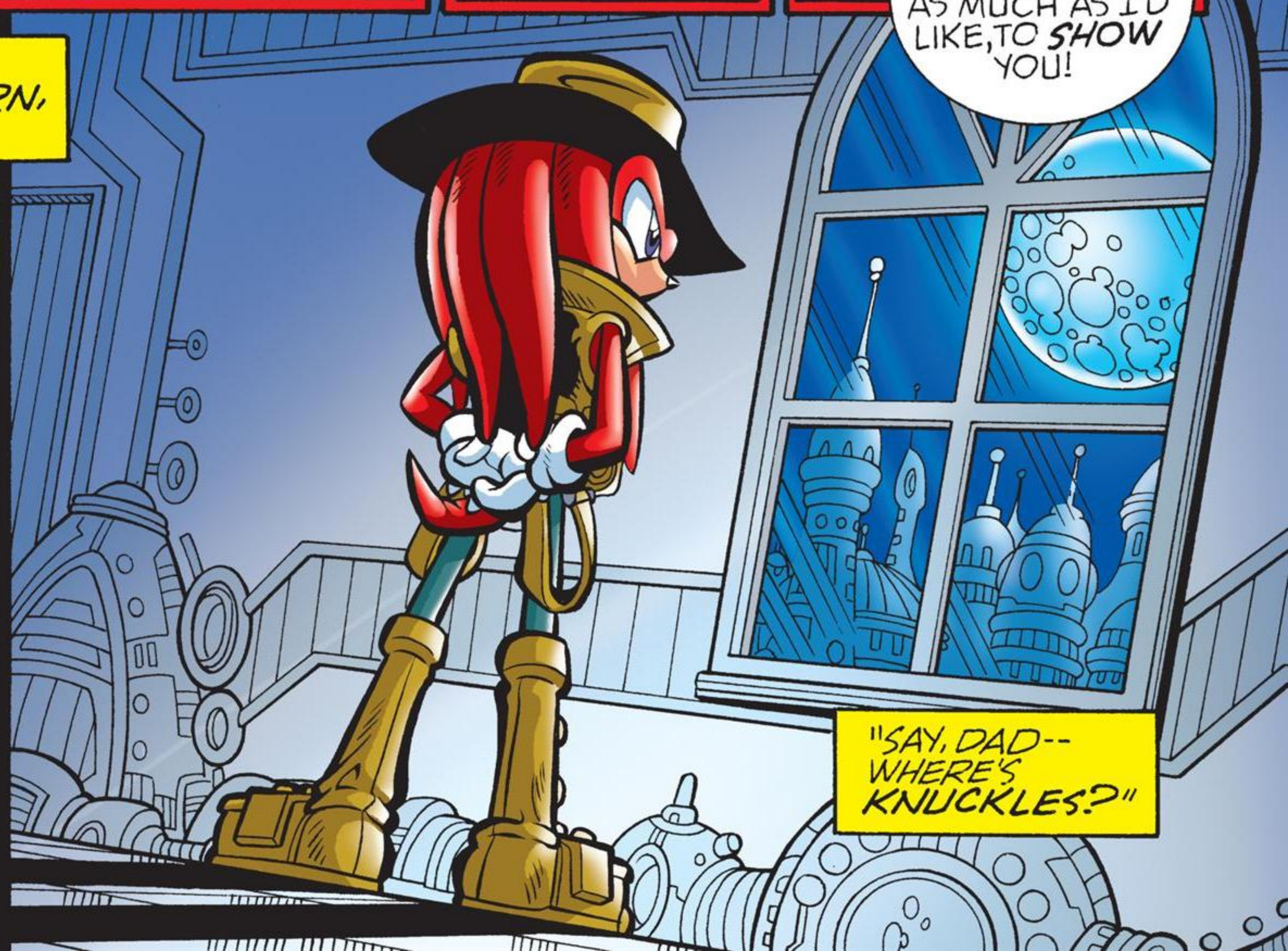


EXIT



"WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN, MANIK?"

"LET'S DO IT TO IT, DAD!"



"SAY, DAD-- WHERE'S KNUCKLES?"



SONIA AND I WERE WONDERING WHAT THE SCOOP WAS ON **OUR DADS!**

WHAT **SCOOP**, LARA-SU?

C'MON, MOM-- YOU AND **QUEEN SALLY** GET ALONG **GREAT!**

--BUT WE **DON'T** GET THE **SAME VIBE...**

--FROM EITHER OF **OUR DADS!**

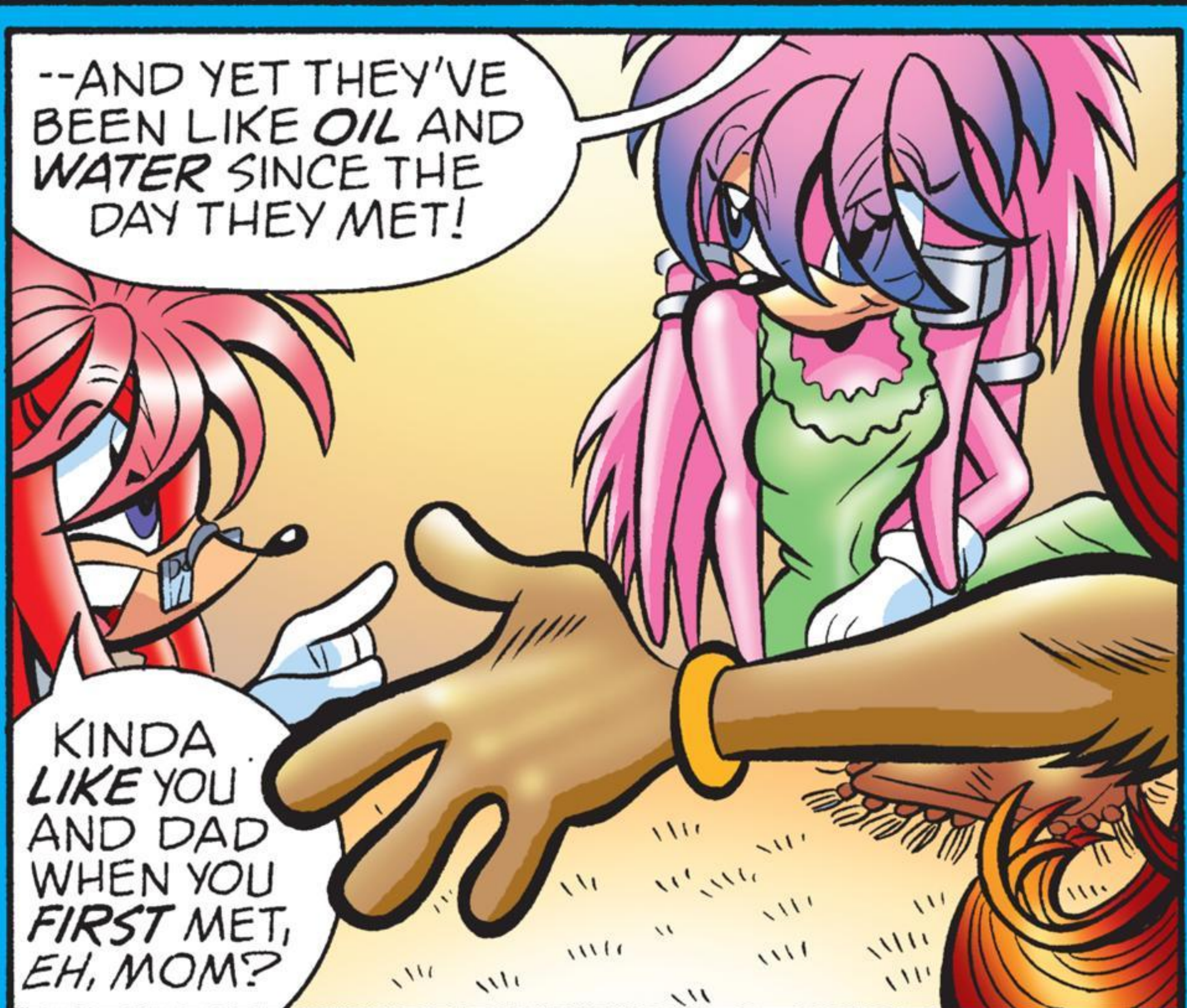


YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A **GUARDIAN** TO FIGURE IT OUT!

AND TO THIS DAY, I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND **WHY!**

THEY **BOTH** HAVE...

--SO MUCH IN **COMMON--**



--AND YET THEY'VE BEEN LIKE **OIL AND WATER** SINCE THE DAY THEY MET!

KINDA **LIKE YOU** AND DAD WHEN YOU **FIRST MET**, EH, MOM?



I'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE **SECRET**, LARA-SU!

I'VE **LOVED** YOUR FATHER SINCE THE MOMENT I FIRST SAW HIM!

"EVEN WHEN YOU WERE **CLOBBERING** THE **SNOT** OUT OF HIM?"



TO BE CONTINUED...